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Fruit-Baskets.

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Fig. 1.

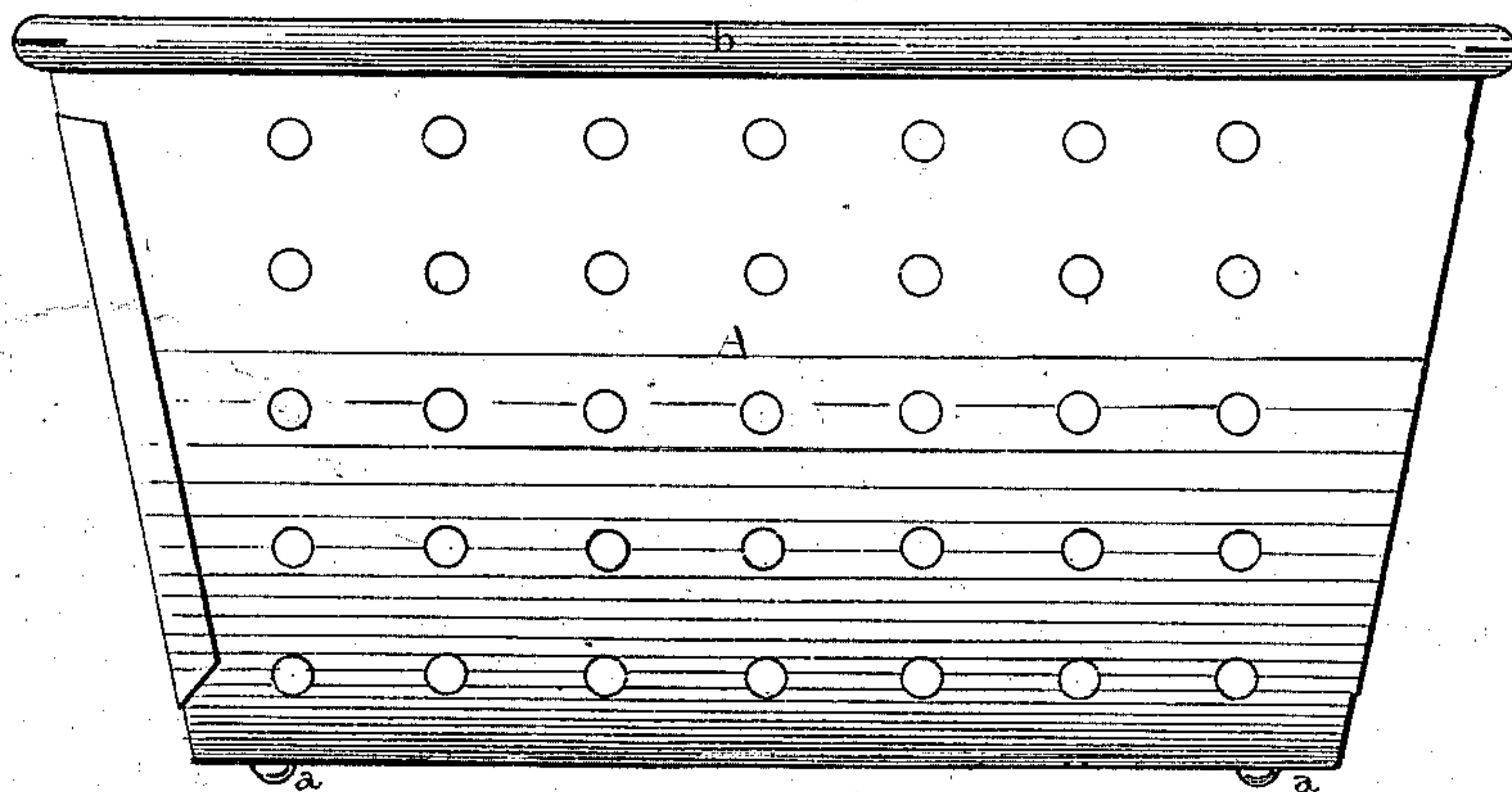
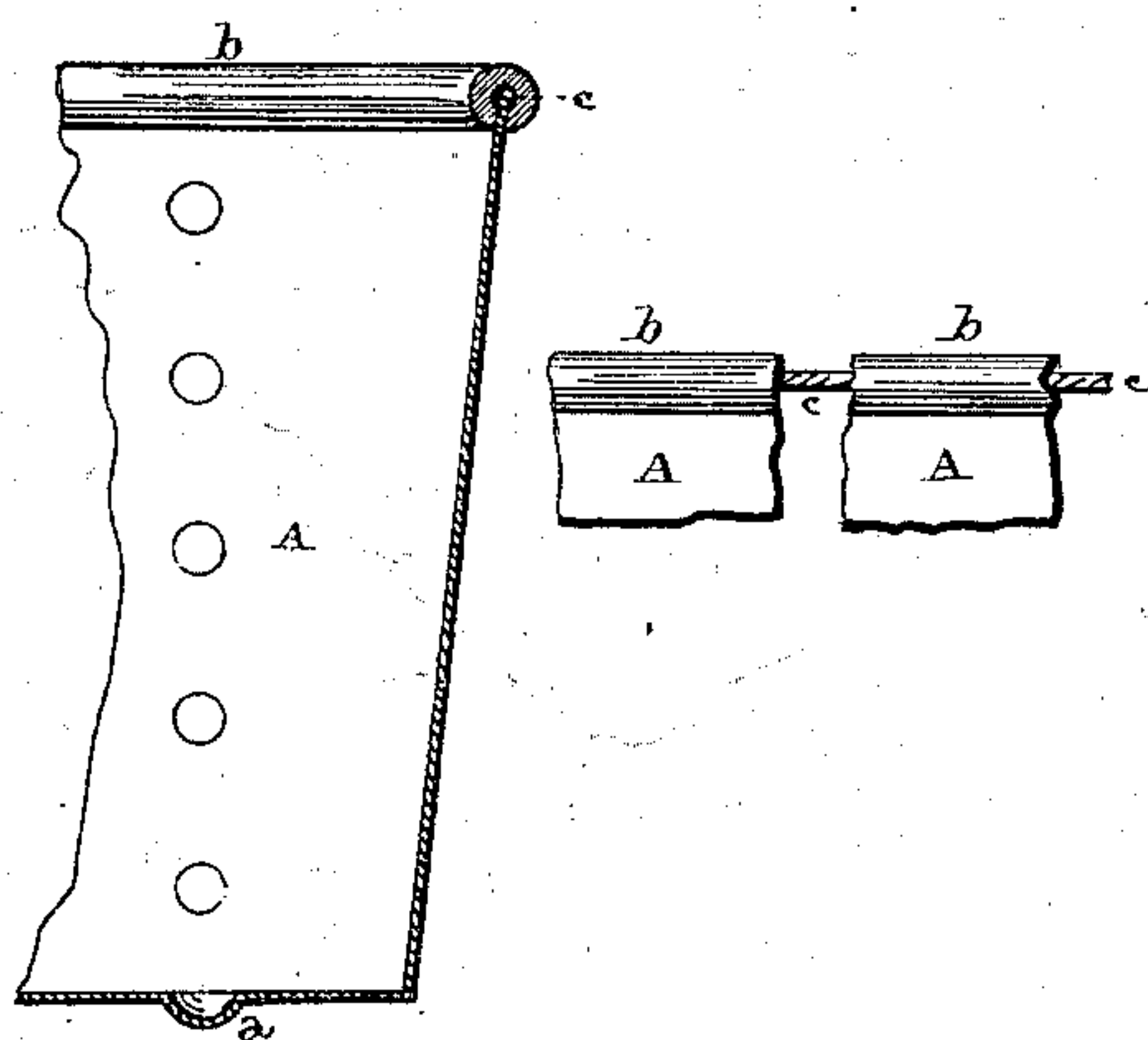


Fig. 2.



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## IMPROVEMENT IN FRUIT-BASKETS.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. 135,737, dated February 11, 1873.

*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WALTER D. TRISSLER, of the town of Dunkirk and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Baskets; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, that will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing and to the letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

The nature of my invention relates to the construction of a cheap but serviceable fruit-basket; and consists in constructing the body from paper or other like substance, and saturating it with paraffine or its equivalent, so as to make it water-proof and to prevent it from being stained by the juice of the berries; in the manner of putting it together, and of forming the feet at the same time that the body is stamped or cut, as will hereafter be more fully set forth.

Figure 1 is a side elevation of my basket, and Fig. 2 is a section of the same.

A represents the body of the basket, made of paper or thin sheets of wood, which may be cut or stamped by a die, the perforations and feet *a* being formed at the same time. The feet are formed by so constructing the die that at each corner it will stamp or raise a suitable projection, which serves to keep the

bottom of the basket from the table or board upon which it rests, and this insures a free and constant circulation all around the berries. Before or after the body has been cut or stamped it is thoroughly saturated with paraffine, or its equivalent, so as not only to make it water-proof, but to prevent it from being stained by the juice of the berries. Around the rim is placed the rods *b*, which have a groove cut along their entire undersides large enough to receive a cord, *c*, and the upper edges of the body A.

These cords may be secured together either at the corners, or a single one may be run around the entire edge and secured at one corner only. The corners may also be secured as shown; but I prefer the use of the cord.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A fruit-basket, with body A saturated with paraffine, having feet *a*, in combination with rods *b* having cords *c*, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand this 9th day of October, A. D. 1872.

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